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SUBJECT: MEXICAN IMPORT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING
VESSELS.

UP TO PRESENT GOM WAS APPROVING VERY FEW APPLICATIONS TO
IMPORT FISHING VESSELS, ESPECIALLY SHRIMPBOATS.
EXCEPTIONS WERE APPLCIATIONS RELATED TO JOINT VENTURES.
REASON FOR NOT APPROVING IMPORT APPLICATIONS WAS GOM
HOPED TO FILL NEED FOR VESSELS FROM DOMESTIC SHIPYARDS.

IT APPEARS NOW THAT DOMESTIC YARDS ARE NOT ABLE FILL
DEMAND FOR SHRIMP VESSELS, EXPECTED TO BE 600 FOR NEXT
FIVE YEARS, ACCORDING TO GOM DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECTIONS.
THAT BEING SITUATION GOM DEPT FISHERIES RELENTING ON
PREVIOUS NEGATIVE STAND AND WILL NOW CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL
APPLICATIONS BASED ON RELATIVE MERITS.

ANY US SHIPYARD OR SHIP BROKER WITH POTENTIAL CUTOMERS IN
MEXICO SHOULD RECOMMEND FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IN APPLYING
FOR IMPORT PERMIT:

A) ADDRESS ORIGINAL OF IMPORT PERMIT APPLICATION TO MEX
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FISHERY PROMOTION, DEPT OF FISHERIES.

B) INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION JUSTIFICATION FOR NEED OF
VESSEL(S). JUSTIFICATION SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
LIMITED TO, 1) EMPLOYMENT TO BE CREATED BY ADDITIONAL
PRODUCTION ACRUING FROM INCREASED FISHING POWER; 2)

UNAVAILABILITY OF VESSEL(S) IN MEXICO WITHIN GIVEN TIME FRAME; 3) HOW INCREASE IN PRODUCTION WILL IMPROVE BALANCE OF PAYMENT ASPECT, E.G. SHRIMP EXPORT 4) HOW INCREASED PRODUCTION WILL IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF SHORE INSTALLATION OF PROCESSING PLANT; 5) HOW INCREASE IN PRODUCTION FITS GOALS OF MEX FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND 6) THAT FISH (SHRIMP) RESOURCES CAN WITHSTAND ADDITIONAL FISHING PRESSURE WITHOUT ADVERSE EFFECTS, IF AVAILABLE DATA BACKS THIS UP. GOM DEPT OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT WELL JUSTIFIED APPLICATIONS HAD GOOD CHANCE OF APPROVAL.

ACTION AGENCY ON EXPORT PERMIT IS SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE WITH PRIOR ENDORSEMENT FROM SECRETARIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION AND DEPT OF FISHERIES; HOWEVER, LATTER IS KEY AGENCY. LUCEY

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